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APPLICANT: C. Willkens
SERIAL NO.: 10/090,468 EXAMINER: J. Jeffrey
FILED: March 4, 2002 GROUP: 3742
FOR: CERAMIC IGNITERS

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AMENDMENT

Applicant files herewith a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE). Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

A listing of pending claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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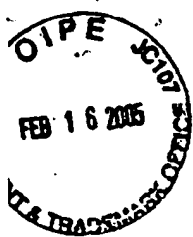
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It is believed the application is in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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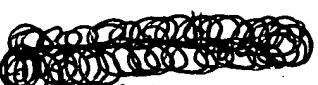
Applicant is receipt of the Office Action dated August 16, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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It is not seen that a skilled worker would have had any particular incentive to select a single feature (hot zone length) of the cited igniter of the Willkens patent with a heat sink zone and insert that selected aspect into a distinct igniter that does not contain an interposed heat sink zone.

Moreover, while Applicant's fully believe that a *prima facie* case under 35 U.S.C. 103 is not presented by the cited combination of documents, it is also believed that the test data of record fully rebuts any *prima facie* case that may be contended to exist.

Thus, for instance, the comparative test results set forth in Dr. Yu's Rule 132 Declaration of record show that insufficient hot zone temperatures and time-to-temperature values can be provided where an igniter with a booster has a hot zone path length in excess of 2 cm. See Figures 1 and 2 of the Declaration.

In view thereof, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

It is believed the application is in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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3742

Applicant(s): Craig A. Willkens

Invention: CERAMIC IGNITERS

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | |
|--|---|---|-----------------------------------|------|----------|
| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest Number Previously Paid | Number Extra Claims Present | Rate | |
| Total Claims | | - 20 = | | x | |
| Independent Claims | | - 3 = | | x | |
| Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | |
| Other fee (please specify): Extension for response within third month | | | | | 1,020.00 |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT: | | | | | 1,020.00 |

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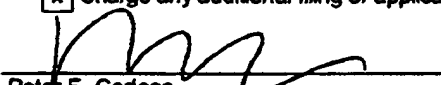
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Signature:  (Peter F. Corless)

PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD

Effective October 1, 2001

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

| | (Column 1) | (Column 2) |
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| TOTAL CLAIMS | 19 | |
| FOR | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA |
| TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS | 20 minus 20 = | * |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | 2 minus 3 = | * |
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CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

| | (Column 1) | (Column 2) | (Column 3) |
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OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

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| X\$ 9= | | OR | X\$18= | |
| X42= | | OR | X84= | |
| +140= | | OR | +280= | |
| TOTAL | | OR | TOTAL | 740.00 |

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| +140= | | OR | +280= | |
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